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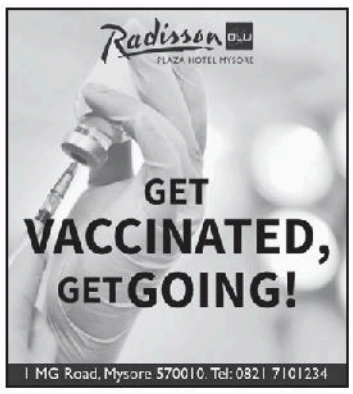

Threat of Delta Plus variant

Genome Sequencing Lab to come up at MMC&RI

A file photo of Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology at MMC&RI. The Genome Sequencing Lab will come up next to this.

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&BCT)- Amid rising concerns over mutations and a surge in COVID-19 cases, especially the more potential Delta Plus variant, a Genome Sequencing Lab will be set up at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) (K.R. Hospital) to test samples that mutate.

At present, only National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS) in Bengaluru has such a laboratory and all samples are being sent there. State Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has already announced that six Genome Sequencing Labs are being set up at Bengaluru, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Hubballi, Mangaluru and Vijayapura.

Confirming about the Genome Sequencing Lab at MMC&RI, Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj told *Star of Mysore* this morning that the laboratory will be set up next to the state-of-the-art Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology. "The Microbiology Lab will be extended and the nearby Skin Ward will be taken in to form the laboratory. The door between the Skin Ward and the VRDL has to be opened," he explained.

This lab will later be added to Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG) network. This is to ramp up genome sequencing of the virus and help understand the spread of new variants in the country. INSACOG is a consortium of laboratories that screens samples from States and international travellers to understand the spread and mutations of SARS-CoV-2 virus.

(See Lab on page 6)

KSRTC buses to hit roads from tomorrow

- City buses, Mysuru-Bengaluru trips to resume
- No mask, no travelling; sanitisation after each trip

A worker sanitising chairs at Sub-Urban Bus Stand on the eve of resumption of KSRTC services from tomorrow.

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&SSV)- After a gap of two months, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses are ready to hit the streets in Mysuru District from tomorrow (Monday). All inter-city and inter-district bus services will resume. For now, there will be no inter-State buses.

However, the Government has allowed to only 50 percent passengers in each bus and standing of passengers has been banned. Face mask has been made compulsory for every passenger. In the first phase, 100 city buses and 195 buses for rural areas will be allowed. The number of buses will be increased depending upon passenger demand.

According to KSRTC officers, the bus service will resume from 6 am from tomorrow and as many as 100 buses from four city depots will resume its services.

(See KSRTC on page 7)

Health Ministry alerts Mysuru on Delta Plus variant

Stringent checking initiated at Bavali Check-Post bordering Kerala

Mysuru, June 27 (MTY&BCT)- Union Health Secretary, Rajesh Bhushan has written to State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar specifically mentioning about the presence of Delta Plus variant of COVID-19 virus in Mysuru and has asked the top bureaucrat to take immediate containment measures.

This apart, following the State Government directive, stringent checking has been initiated at entry points from Kerala and Tamil Nadu. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa yesterday instructed officials to maintain vigil over the Delta Plus variant, especially in border Districts and States like Kerala and Maharashtra.

Travellers from Kerala are being checked at Bavali Check-Post this morning.

The Delta Plus (K417N mutation — also being called B.1.617.2.1 or AY.1) is a mutated form of Delta variant that triggered a sharp surge in COVID cases during the second wave in India. Delta Plus is seen as a possible threat as it could drive the third wave of COVID.

Rajesh Bhushan has written to the Chief Secretaries of seven States and has highlighted the districts where the Delta Plus variant has been detected. The States are Tamil Nadu (Madurai, Kanchipuram and Chennai), Karnataka (Mysuru), Andhra Pradesh (Tirupati), Gujarat (Surat), Haryana (Faridabad), Punjab (Patiala and Ludhiana) and Jammu and Kashmir (Katra).

"You are aware that INSACOG is a consortium of laboratories set up by the Centre for genomic and epidemiological surveillance of COVID in the country. INSACOG is tasked with not just the whole genome sequencing but also giving timely inputs on appropriate public health responses in specific geographies where variants have been found," the letter said.

(See VARIANT on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 27th June 2021

TiE Women Pitchfest 2021:

Last date for registration extended

Mysuru, June 27- The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru, which had invited applications from promising women entrepreneurs and Startups for the TiE Women Pitchfest 2021, has extended the last date for registration.

Interested women Startups can register online on *http://bit.ly/tiewomenmysuru* **before June 30. The previous deadline was June 20.**

TiE Mysuru will nominate the most innovative and promising team to participate in TiE Women Global Pitchfest 2021 which will be held in Dubai in the month of October 2021.

TiE Women Pitchfest provides an opportunity to receive mentoring from industry experts and successful entrepreneurs. As part of TiE Women Pitchfest, TiE Mysuru will host a series of workshops and bootcamps for women entrepreneurs to learn from the successful entrepreneurs and experts. It also provides a networking opportunity with investors and entrepreneurs.

Shortlisted ideas will get an opportunity to pitch their ideas to the panel of experts and win cash prizes as well as other benefits. TiE Mysuru will offer one-on-one mentoring to the selected teams.

Eligibility

1. Women-led or Women Co-founded Venture (there should be one woman co-founder).

2. Early stage Startup upto 3 years.

3. Late stage Startup upto 7 years.

4. Sector agnostic (product or service).

5. Preference will be given to the registered Startups (Pvt. Ltd and LLP).

The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru, is a not-for-profit organisation promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in the region. For details, contact Mahesh Kattale, Executive Director, TiE Mysuru Chapter on Mob: +91 9448154063 or tie.mysuru@gmail.com, according to a press release from Ajith Pai, President, TiE Mysuru Chapter.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

If you are woke, you will point fingers at others you think are still asleep and sometimes those others will complain. So it is no surprise that when the charity English Heritage said the work of Enid Blyton has been criticised for "racism, xenophobia and lack of literary merit", it set off high emotions among the long-dead author's many desi fans. Actor Pooja Bhatt voiced their widespread frustration: "There goes my childhood." What people read can change over time. It can be that your treasured bedtime reading as a child is not your children's favourite. That's free choice and also a natural process of change. But it's a very different case when authors and texts are comprehensively branded by 'isms' that took shape long after them, and aggressively removed from circulation. Readers are then denied the opportunity to form their own relationship, including a complex one in which black, white and grey coexist. Retrospective judgments, labelling old classics as morally suspect, can sabotage any honest engagement with the past.

That's true for India's literary heritage, too. For example, today's cultural commentators can recoil at what they see as colonial sympathies in Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's Anandamath or what may be judged as sexism in Kalidasa's Shakuntala. But these are our heritage, which we should meet in all its rich density, instead of through narrow moral straight-jackets. Societies are endlessly shape-shifting. Today's codes on equality will give way to tomorrow's. Through it all let our collective library expand. Let readers be the judge.

—In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's longest string cheese

Wisconsin: A Wisconsin cheese business said it unofficially broke its own Guinness World Record by creating a string cheese that measures more than 3,800 feet long.

Gerard Knaus, master cheesemaker at Weyauwega Star Dairy in Weyauwega, said his father, former master cheesemaker Jim Knaus, presided over the first successful Guinness World Record string cheese attempt in 1995 and the record was updated in 2006 when the business created a 2,000-foot-long piece of string cheese. The cheesemaker celebrated June Dairy Month by creating a string cheese that measures 3,832 feet, nearly doubling the 2006 record.

Lost Rembrandt painting rediscovered

Italy: A Rembrandt painting that was long considered to be lost has been rediscovered after it fell off the wall of a home in Italy and was sent for restoration.

The Italian Heritage Foundation said the painting, The Adoration of the Magi, was painted by the famed artist around 1632-1633, and was considered to be one of Rembrandt's lost paintings until it fell off the wall of a country home in Rome province in 2016 and was sent to art restorer Antonella Di Francesco for repairs.

Di Francesco said the painting had been darkened by old varnish, but during the cleaning and restoration process it became clear that the work was a long-lost Rembrandt.

The painting was studied by an international team of experts attending a symposium at the French Academy of the Villa Medici in Rome and they confirmed the work appears to be a legitimate Rembrandt.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Not feeding colostrum, delayed or non initiation of breast feeding, not exclusively breast feeding in first four months, unnecessary utilisation of commercial infant milk food/ animal milk, early termination of breast feeding, early or late introduction of semi solids, semi solids-in inappropriate dilution-all these are collectively termed as faulty feeding practice. These may result in malnutrition/infection/ illness and death in small babies

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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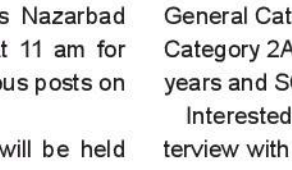

Taking probiotics can bring relief from diarrhoea, antibiotic side-effects, colds and flu, hay fever, eczema, IBS, ulcers, constipation, indigestion, impaired mental function, toxicity from mercury, arsenic and cadmium, and vaginal infections.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 25	JUNE 26
Day's Positive Cases	367	647
Total Positive Cases	1,64,385	1,65,032
Day's Discharges	832	545
Total Discharges	1,57,507	1,58,052
Day's Deaths	22	22
Total Deaths	2,108	2,130
Total Active Cases	4,770	4,850

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Direct interview for vacant health staff posts

Mysuru, June 27- District Health and Family Welfare Society, under its National Urban Health Mission for the year 2021-22, will be conducting direct interviews at its Nazarbad office on June 29 at 11 am for appointment to various posts on contract basis.

Direct interviews will be held for appointing Obstetrician (2 posts), Anaesthesiologist (1), Full-time Physician (4), Part-time Physician (2), Pharmacist (1), Nursing Staff - Women (3) and Junior Medical Assistant - Male - (23 posts - Age limit: General Category - 18-35 years, Category 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B - 18-38 years and SC/ST - 18-40 years).

Interested may attend the interview with originals of all relevant documents, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- ***Blind People May Dream Visually: In one study of people who have been blind since birth, researchers found that they still seemed to experience visual imagery in their dreams and they also had eye movements that correlated to visual dream recall. Although their eye movements were fewer during Rapid Eye Movement (REM) than the sighted participants of the study, the blind participants reported the same dream sensations, including visual content. People who are under the age of 25 rarely report dreaming in black and white. People over the age of 55, however, report black and white dreams about 25% of the time. The brain is active all night long, with particularly intense brain activity in the forebrain and midbrain during REM sleep, which is when we dream.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Son: *Dad, when will I be old enough so I don't have to ask mom for her permission to go out?*

Dad: *Son, even I haven't grown old enough to go out without her permission !*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.19
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.20
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.55

VOICE OF THE READER

Kapila *'tu hamesha mailee'* but volunteerism must go on

File photo

Sir,

This has reference to the news item ***'Kapila river bed cleared of plastic, waste'*** *(Star of Mysore* dated June 20). We the greens are very happy that the Tahsildar Mohana Kumari has evinced interest and launched Kapila river bed bathing ghat cleansing green initiative jointly by Nanjangud City Municipal Council and Taluk Administration.

It will not be out of place if it is brought to the notice of the concerned that many of us greens have made similar efforts for cleansing Kapila *[refer to our effort made on Mar. 23, 2012 - see file photo]*. On that day, members belonging to Hunsur's Save Our Earth Club with 50 volunteers from Hunsur, joined by about 55 volunteers from Mysuru, landed at the bathing ghat, got down to the river and started removing the pollutants lying underneath. Pollutants included mirrors, clothes, talismans that were rotting and stinking at the bottom of the holy river.

A total of more than 12 tractor loads of extraneous matter were removed and transported outside city limits. Watching efforts by rank outsiders, the residents of Nanjangud led by Taluk Panchayat President with some members, Municipal employees, members of Rotary and a large number of citizens members of NGOs joined us, got down to Kapila and helped us remove as much of waste as possible.

A heartening help came from President and members of Coracles Association, who voluntarily offered their coracles and services in carrying the muck from the river and helped in loading on to tractors offered by philanthropic owners of tractors.

Even after 9 years, the sad state of affairs continues unabated and the Tahsildar's initiative is a living example. It is unfortunate that unless pilgrims and *bhaktas,* who transit through Nanjangud, change their attitude and behaviour and stop polluting our rivers and water bodies, any number of cleansing the bathing ghat would be futile. So, *'Kapila, tu hamesha mailee'* continues. But volunteerism must go on.

Gods may be getting record collection of offerings by *bhaktas,* but the money being spent in taking care of the *sanctum sanctorum* and precincts of the temple and also its contribution to the city development does not appear to be commensurate with the earnings.

Suggestion: The Tahsildar must constitute a Special Purpose Committee with funds from the temple and Government for planning and undertaking permanent solutions for such polluting problems and for enforcement of laws/ rules against pollution of river and water bodies in Nanjangud with co-opted members from temple authorities and NGOs of the town.

The Committee must suggest plan of action for providing facilities and amenities to the visitors for helping them to stop polluting the river. It must also be empowered to periodically inspect upstream and downstream industrial discharge of pollutants into Kapila river, including hazardous/ toxic waste.

The Tahsildar must monitor, report such findings to State Pollution Control Board for such action as may be deemed fit under the extant laws of the land.

—Vasanthkumar Mysoremath,
Environmental Advisor,
Save Our Earth Club
Hunsur
22.6.2021

JSS AHER to host two-day Natl. Webinar on 'Food Safety: Everyone's Business' from June 28

Mysuru, June 27- The Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, Faculty of Life Sciences, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, is organising a two-day National webinar and Infographic Competition on June 28 and 29 on the theme 'Food Safety: Everyone's Business' from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm to commemorate World Food Safety Day-2021.

The two-day virtual programme includes two sessions each day addressed by international / national recognised Nutritionists, Academicians and Health professionals from reputed institutions and industries in the relevant field. Participants will be UG/PG students, research scholars, HCPs from different subject areas.

This webinar will focus on production and consumption of safe food which has immediate and long-term health benefits and connections between the health of people, environment and the economy. This event will also help in understanding the role of safe practices in agriculture, in food industries to ensure the food security, quality products.

The webinar will be inaugurated at 2.30 pm on Monday by Arun Singhal, IASCEO, FSSAI, MoH&FW. Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER, will deliver the keynote address followed by first session from Dr. K. Madhavan Nair, Chairperson - Scientific Panel Labelling & Claims/Advertisements, FSSAI, MoH&FW, Govt. of India & Scientist F (Retd.), NIN, Hyderabad; second session by Dr. K.A. Anu Appaiah, Head, Food Protection and Infestation Control & Sr. Principal Scientist (Retd.), Department Microbiology & Fermentation Technology, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru.

On Tuesday, the first session will be by Niraj Marathe, Co-Founder & CEO, Coolcrop Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Gujarat and second session by Dr. Chaitra Narayan, Founder - CodaguAgritech&Shivam Distillations, Mysuru. For details contact Organising Secretaries Dr. Sudha Sairam, (9972005220) and A. Vinay (9945371583) or e-mail: *ndfls@jssuni.edu.in*

Admissions for courses

At the Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, JSS AHER will be offering M.Sc in Nutrition & Dietetics, M.Sc in Sports Nutrition & Management, PGD in Nutraceutical Technology, B.Sc course in Food, Nutrition & Dietetics and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) programmes. Admissions are open now for the courses. For details, contact Dr. P. Vanitha Reddy - Coordinator (95904-81932), Dr. Shweatha - PG Course Coordinator (78290-39578) and Dr. B.V. Sushma - UG Course Coordinator (96631-68881).

Webinar on 'Indian Defence' held

Mysuru, June 27- Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT), Mysuru, had organised a webinar on 'Challenges and Opportunities in Indian Defence' on June 24.

Resource person for the event was Captain Bindu Nair, Veteran from Indian Army's Corps of Engineers, who is passionate about saving environment and believes in co-existence.

She shared her experience in Indian Defence and the challenges, benefits and opportunities it provides.

Calling upon youngsters to fulfil all their professional expectations by choosing a career of challenges, excitement, adventure as an officer in different fields of Defence, she briefed about the opportunities for Electronics & Communication (EC) engineers to upgrade the Defence standards and equipment. She also gave a call to youths to join Defence and serve the nation.

NIE-IT Principal Dr. Bansilal presided. ECE Department Head Salila Hegde, staff and students of different branches were present on the occasion.

Tree Plantation Drive by SWR Mysuru

Mysuru, June 27- World Environment Day-2021 marked the formal launch of the United Nations 'Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030)' with this year's theme "Ecosystem Restoration".

On its commitment of environment conservation and promotion, Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) had organised a tree plantation drive at Vontikoppal Railway Colony.

About 400 square meters will be converted into forest with 75 native tree saplings like Jamun, Honge, Neem, Indian Cork Tree and Gulmohar. This drive was led by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Rahul Agarwal by planting saplings.

Additional Divisional Railway Manager-I, Devasahayam Akasi and B. Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager-II, along with other senior officers and members of SWR State Bharat Scout and Guides, participated in the tree plantation drive.

As part of the programme, Rahul Agarwal administered a pledge to promote conservation and sustainable management of environmental resources. In line with this year's theme, plantation drive was conducted over Mysuru Division by maintaining COVID-19 protocol. Around 1,100 saplings were planted across the Division with the participation of Scouts and Guides.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Last date extended

KARP Mounted Company, Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysuru, which had invited applications to fill vacant posts of percussionists (Western and Karnatak Music), has now extended the last date for submission of applications to July 15. For details and applications, visit Police Department website *www.ksp.gov.in,* according to a press release.

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

Following individuals/ institutions have adopted animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: M. Somu, Bengaluru - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000), B.N. Sundaresha, Bengaluru - Red Avadavat (Rs. 1,000), Rajashekhar, Mysuru - Indian Cobra (Rs. 2,000), Mala Dinesh, Mysuru - Common Peafowl (Rs. 3,500), S. Dinesh, Mysuru - Himalayan Goral (Rs. 5,000), Mysore Dist. Balija Samaja, Mysuru - Indian Leopard (Rs. 35,000), Rahul D. Yajaman, Mysuru - Spotted Whistling Duck (Rs. 2,000), M. Vidya, Mysuru - Eclectus Parrot (Rs. 2,000), Sarita Nishad, Tavarekere - Golden Pheasant (Rs. 3,500); Dr. M. Mahadeviah, Mysuru - Peacock Blue (3,500); S. Anantha Krishna, Bengaluru - Indian Leopard (Rs. 35,000), Y. Thejas, Mysuru - White Peacock (Rs. 3,500), Shivaraju, Bengaluru - Ring-tailed Lemur (Rs. 5,000), Sandhya Rani, Mysuru - Love Bird (Rs. 1,000) and Basava Marga Foundation Madhya Vyasani Punarvasathi Kendra, Hebbal, Mysuru - Tiger (Rs.1,00,000), according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	94.80 feet
Yesterday	:	95.42 feet
Inflow	:	3,140 cusecs
Outflow	:	6,028 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,275.52 feet
Inflow	:	1,481 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,296 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,840.11 feet
Inflow	:	627 cusecs
Outflow	:	80 cusecs

Tonnes of waste from Kerala stuck in Kabini Backwaters cleared

Forest personnel, 'Namma Mysuru' volunteers and resort staff undertake seven-hour 'Shramadhan'

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 27- Seven hours of rigorous 'Shramadhan' by Forest Department personnel, volunteers and staff of resorts has yielded three loads of banned plastic and other waste that came floating from Kerala side and got struck at Kabini Dam in H.D. Kote taluk. This has prevented possible health hazard for wildlife.

The first rain during monsoon in Kerala brings with it plastic and other waste dumped by villagers living on both sides of the river, and get stored in Kabini Backwater attached to Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Plastic items, thrown by tourists on roadside, come floating in water to reach Kabini backwaters thus endangering lives of wildlife in Metikuppe and D.B. Kuppe range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Earlier, trucks carrying medical and other waste from Kerala were stealthily dumping it in villages on forest border in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar district. But now it has stopped after local people protested. Now, the garbage from Kerala was dumped on the outskirts of Nanjangud. This has aggravated problem.

Life in danger

Drinking of water mixed with plastic and other garbage cause health hazard for elephants. The plastic entangles with the antlers and legs of deer, sambar, bison and birds. Due to shortage of foliage during summer, the wild animals feed on garbage and plastic waste dumped by neighbouring State.

Understanding this, the Forest Department personnel, along with 'Namma Mysuru' volunteers and resort staff, undertook 'Kabini Backwaters Cleaning Drive' and retrieved three truckloads of garbage. They recovered 600 bags of hazardous waste including banned plastic, rubber pieces, footwear, empty liquor bottles, empty water bottles, nylon thread and metal pieces.

Forest personnel from three ranges, 'Namma Mysuru' Foundation and local resorts staff undertook this drive in the interest of wildlife. It is a good initiative.

—D. Mahesh Kumar, Director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve

It was required to retrieve three loads of hazardous waste in the interest of environment protection. So, we have removed it from the backwaters and the shore".

—K.L. Madhu, RFO, D.B. Kuppe

Reusable furniture will be made out of the waste retrieved from Backwaters. We have prepared flowerpots, tables and others from it.

—K. Dasharath, Head, 'Namma Mysuru' Foundation

Kabini Cleaning Special Drive

Every year plastic clearance drive was held in small scale. This year, it was held in a big scale under the banner of 'Kabini Cleaning Special Drive' in which 100 Forest Department personnel, 80 staff from local resorts and 25 volunteers from 'Namma Mysuru' Foundation participated from various ranges of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. This drive was held in 12-km area in Kabini Backwaters from 7 am to 2.30 pm.

Those who participated in it included Nagarahole Tiger Project Director D. Mahesh Kumar, Metikuppe Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) S.T. Mahadev, D.B. Kuppe Range Forest Officer (RFO) K.L. Madhu, Antharasanthe RFO S.S. Siddaraju, Gundre RFO Shashidhargowda and Namma Mysuru Foundation Head Dasharath.

Volunteers involved in Kabini Cleaning Special Drive.

Collected garbage being shifted from Kabini Backwaters.

Rs. 545 crore Hale Unduwadi project begins

MLA G.T. Devegowda inspects works site
City and 92 villages to get drinking water

Mysuru, June 27 (SBD&BCT)- The ambitious Rs. 545 crore Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project that is aimed at supplying drinking water to Mysuru City and 92 villages around it has begun in right earnest after the tenders for the project were floated in December 2020.

The first phase of the project is being taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crore. Once the project is implemented, the city and its neighbouring villages will get 300 Million Litres per Day (MLD) water from River Cauvery. This would be in addition to 250 MLD being supplied to the city at present.

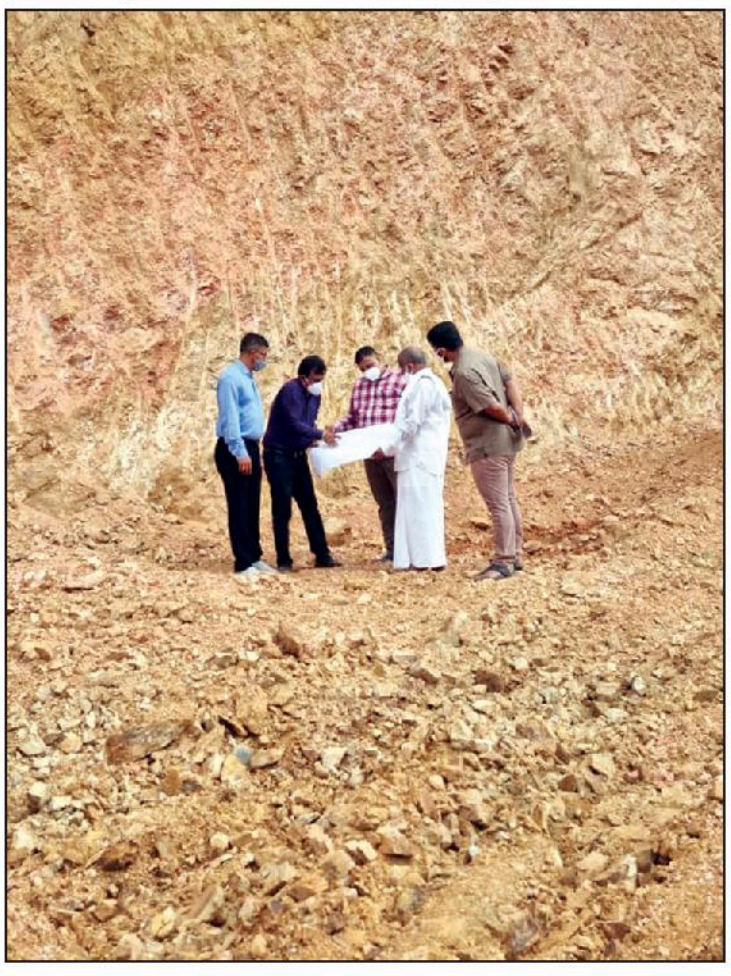
This project will get Cauvery water from Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam backwaters instead of the present practice of lifting water from the canals. The project is designed to take care of Mysuru's water needs at least for 100 years.

It is one of the biggest drinking water supply project in South India where over 92 villages — a majority of them located in Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency — will get pure drinking water.

The project was first mooted by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and former MLA Vasu when Siddharamaiah was the CM. Later, H.D. Kumaraswamy sanctioned Rs. 350 crore when he became the CM. Now the works have been initiated by the B.S. Yediyurappa's Government after funds were released.

Inspecting the project, which is his brainchild, G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said yesterday that the works have been taken up based on a Government directive though there were plans of a grand foundation laying ceremony by the CM that was spoiled by COVID. "92 villages in Mysuru, Mysuru city, parts of Hunsur, Srirangapatna Taluk in Mandya district are covered in the project and I have struggled for over seven years for the project to see the light of the day," GTD said, expressing happiness over the project pace.

"When Kumaraswamy was the CM, he allocated Rs. 350 crore for the project and the funds were released by Yediyurappa and tenders were subsequently called. There are many stakeholders to this project and I would like to thank all of them, especially farmers who parted with the land for the project to become a reality," he added.



Joint project

The project is jointly being implemented by Water Board, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWSDB), Zilla Panchayat, Rural Water Supply Board and Karnataka Housing Board (KHB).

The project ensures unhindered supply of water from the KRS Dam even when the water at the reservoir reaches the Dead Storage Level of 74.76 ft. The maximum level is 124.80 ft. Now, if there is a drinking water crisis in Mysuru, Cauvery water is pumped from the backwaters. But the drawback here is that the pumping stations need to wait for water release from the Dam as they are located downstream of the Dam.

Four pumping units that supply water to the city have a total capacity of 265 MLD and are prone to going dry if water level drops below the Dead Storage Level. In the new project, water is drawn directly from the Dam.

90-acre land at Beechanakuppe

MUDA has sanctioned 90 acres of land at Beechanakuppe and it situated at a height and due to the gradient, water will be conveniently drawn through gravity. The plan is to pump water from the backwaters to Hale Unduwadi — located 2 kilometres from KRS Dam — and supply it to Beechanakuppe, where a water treatment plant will be built.

Under the project, raw water will be drawn from the KRS backwaters at Hale Unduwadi through a jackwell and from the jackwell, water will reach Beechanakuppe treatment plant that has a capacity of 150 MLD.

After treatment, water will be pumped to Master Balancing Reservoir (MBR) at Vijayanagar Second Stage and the High Level Reservoir (HLR) at Yadavagiri from where it is supplied to different parts of the city. Pipelines that will extend up to 26.50 km will be laid to supply water to Koorgalli KIADB water storage unit, Vijayanagar Fourth Stage water storage unit and Bogadi tank.

Mysuru's Guinness Record holder for tallest cactus

Kashi Kuttappa passes away

Mysuru, June 27- Accapanda Kashi Kuttappa (76), former Assistant Director in the Agriculture Department and a Guinness Record holder for tallest home-grown cactus, passed away at his residence in Siddarthanagar this morning.

Kashi Kuttappa

He leaves behind his wife Jyothi, daughters Smitha and Neetha, sons-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon, according to family sources.

The cactus Kashi Kuttappa and his family members had grown reached a record height of 45.8 feet and had fetched him the Guinness Record. Kashi himself had said that it took him and his family 22 years to grow the cactus that towered above his home. It is of Cactus-Cereus Grandflora that belongs to the family of 'cactaceae'. This cactus is widely grown in the tropics of dry tracts and suits the desert climate.

Several tourists and nature lovers used to frequent

Kashi's house at Siddarthanagar to see the wonder plant. In fact, the road to Kashi's house was arbitrarily named 'Cactus Road' and he was famous as 'Cactus Kashi'.

The plant was grown and nourished since 1978 when it was 2.5 ft. tall. The Guinness Book of Records authorities accepted the cactus as the tallest and issued a certificate for the first time on Jan. 20, 1993 when the cactus was 35 feet 1 inch. The Guinness Records authorities awarded the longest cactus certificate for the second time in 1998, when the cactus had grown to the height of 44 feet and 9 inches.

BJP State Vice-President M. Rajendra bereaved

Mysuru, June 27- R. Padmavathi (55), wife of BJP State Vice-President, former Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President and Karnataka Pradesh Hotel and Restaurants Association M. Rajendra, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru this morning.

A resident of Kuvempunagar in city, she leaves behind her husband, one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Padmavathi

The body was being brought to Mysuru today and as per family sources, the place of last rites would be decided later.

Kempegowda Jayanti celebrated in city

MLA L. Nagendra paying tributes to the portrait of Kempegowda at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises here as part of Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations this morning. Others seen are Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MyLAC) Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, District Vokkaligara Sangha President G. Manju, Advocate Nagaraj, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shivakumar and Department of Kannada & Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa.

Mysuru, June 27 (SD&RKB)- Showering of petals on the portrait of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda marked Kempegowda Jayanti celebrations, organised by the District Administration in association with Kannada and Culture Department, at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises here this morning.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kempegowda. The District Administration had kept the celebrations a simple one in the wake of COVID-19 crisis, with no procession or cultural events.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA G.T. Devegowda lauded the contribution of Kempegowda. "Nadaprabhu Kempegowda had planned and built Bengaluru Fort and is also known for his contribution to societal reforms and building several temples and water reservoirs in and around Bengaluru town," he said.

MLA L. Nagendra, Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, Assistant Commissioner Dr. N.C. Venkataraju, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shivakumar, MyLAC Chairman N.V. Phaneesh, District Vokkaligara Sangha President G. Manju, Department of Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa and others were present.

MLA G.T. Devegowda offering floral tributes to the portrait of Kempegowda

District and City BJP also celebrated Kempegowda Jayanti at its Office in Chamarajapuram this morning. City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kempegowda.

Mobile RT-PCR test

MCC deploys vans to conduct on-the-spot test

Mysuru, June 27 (LNY& SSV)- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has deployed mobile RT-PCR testing vans in all nine zones of city to conduct COVID test on spot in a bid to check the spreading of pandemic.

This morning, each mobile team, comprising three Health Inspectors and a Supervisor, was deployed in every zone to conduct random testing.

Since today being Sunday, the Corporation authorities had anticipated big crowd in public places to buy meat, fish and other essential items.

The mobile team mainly targeted roadside vendors and footpath vendors as they come into contract with general public regularly. Firstly, the vendors were explained about the importance of COVID testing and also of vaccination. After this, the vendors volunteered to undergo testing.

Rajeshwari, Health Inspector, MCC, told *Star of Mysore* that her team, consisting of Jayanthi and Manjunath, both Health Inspectors, and Salim, Supervisor, reached fruit/ vegetable market at RMC, at 8 am and created awareness among roadside traders. It took some time for them for those people to undergo testing. However, after counselling, they underwent testing. Results will be sent to their mobile phones within 24 hours. The team had already done around 90 tests by 12.30 pm. "No target is given to us. We will do as much test as possible".

She said the MCC has now taken up mobile testing since it has completed testing of primary and secondary contacts of the Corona positive patients. In fact, the number of positive cases was declining in the last four to five days and the Corporation wants to bring it down further. Random testing was one of the best methods to detect Corona cases. While symptomatic patients are advised to undergo RT-PCR testing, the asymptomatic persons are undergoing Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

Rajeshwari said after RMC, they will go to the scrap yard to conduct random testing.

Health Ministry alerts Mysuru on Delta Plus variant

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The Health Ministry informed the Chief Secretaries that based on data received from the INSACOG so far, it found that the Delta Plus variants have three main characteristics — increased transmissibility, stronger binding to receptors of lung cells, potential reduction in monoclonal antibody response.

Bhushan in his letter said that widespread testing, prompt tracing as well as vaccine coverage on a priority basis is necessary. He highlighted the immediate need of implementing containment measures in these districts and clusters. He has told the States to ensure that adequate samples of positive persons are sent to the designated laboratories promptly so that the clinical epidemiological correlations can be established.

Meanwhile, Mysuru DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad has said that the detection of Karnataka's first Delta Plus variant In Mysuru was not alarming at present as the sample was collected in the first week of May.

"We have already clarified that the patient is fine and none of his contacts has contracted the same variant," he said.

ALERT IN BORDERS

Following directives from the CM, the Mysuru District Administration has intensified checking at all entry points to the district from Kerala — from Bavali Check-Post. All persons are screened and their negative RT-PCR certificates are scanned and addresses noted down along with copies of identity cards.

Those who do not have the negative RT-PCR certificates are sent back. Staff manning the Bavali Check-Post said that as of now there is only movement of goods vehicles. "Other passenger vehicles are allowed only in case of emergencies after screening and RT-PCR tests. Once the passenger traffic resumes, the tests will be intensified," they said.

Genome Sequencing Lab to come up at MMC&RI

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Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said that each sample takes over 15 days to test mutations. "Meetings have to be held with the State authorities on the equipment and staffs to the Genome Sequencing Lab. Research-oriented scientists have to be appointed for the advanced laboratory and unlike other laboratories, just technical qualification is not adequate for this specialised and scientific work," he explained.

The strand variations will be studied at the laboratory and we need specialists who have M.Sc., Ph.D. and microbiologists for this skilled job. "When a virus is widely circulating in a population and causing many infections, the likelihood of the virus mutating increases. The normal COVID tests do not study sequencing. Even the treatment protocol for COVID, Delta and Delta Plus variants are different and that is why we need specialists," Dr. Nanjaraj added.

"We did 'Chief Minister' make up for Siddharamaiah"

MLC C.M. Ibrahim explains current situation in Congress through wit, satire and sarcasm

C.M. Ibrahim

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, June 27 (SSV)- Former Union Minister and Congress MLC C.M. Ibrahim, known for his political statements laced with wit, satire and sarcasm, has said it was they who brought Siddharamaiah from Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S), did make up and made him Chief Minister.

Comparing those who came to Congress from other parties to daughter-in-law, Ibrahim, in his own style said, she will be always new to any house. Can she be called as an outsider? After few days of coming to home, the keys automatically go to her hand.

Already, Siddharamaiah has got the key. Is it not true that they selected daughter-in-law and now the fight over an outsider or a new member does not hold water, he said at a news conference here yesterday.

"Who made Siddharamaiah the CM? Who brought him to the forefront during Bengaluru-Ballari Padayatra? It was they who told that he should be made the CM. We did 'Chief Minister' make up to him. Siddharamaiah may be a hero, but play a cassette to find out back ground singers. You don't find the background singers. You know who implemented the populist programmes like rice for Rs. 1 per kg and Mid-Day meal? It is me. As Deputy Chairman of State Planning Board, I sat in Tamil Nadu for two days to study this welfare scheme, and brought it here. It became a successful scheme," Ibrahim said.

On controversy surrounding about the next CM, he said let the Assembly elections be held first and his party win the polls. Then the newly-elected MLAs will select their leader. The standard practice in any national political party has been that the High Command will take 90 percent of the decision (and rest to the State leaders).

Commenting on Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and BJP, he said that Siddharamaiah had got a good team but the incumbent CM Yediyurappa didn't get it. The Yediyurappa team consisted of himself and his son, B.Y. Vijayendra. But Yediyurappa has strong caste backing and in case he quits the party (BJP) will win only 40 seats, he added.

Individual worship is not allowed

D.K. Shivakumar

Sounding caution about those who come to Congress and indulge in groupism, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar said such persons must not be inducted into party at any cost.

Talking to reporters in Hassan yesterday, he said that the doors are opened to only to those who agree to follow the party's principle, ideology and leadership. The local Committees must go through the list of persons who wish to join Congress and then take decision.

Indirectly hitting at Chamarajpet MLA Zameed Ahmed Khan, Shivakumar said: "We don't want those who believed in individual worship, groupism and harm the party. The doors are always opened for people who believed in 'party worship', principle and ideology of Congress."

Will Shivamogga MP

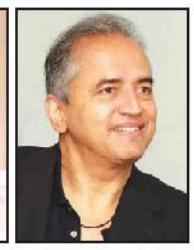
B.Y. Raghavendra join Union Cabinet?

Noted cardiologist Dr. Devi Shetty emerges as dark horse

Raghavendra

Shobha Karandlaje

Umesh Jadhav


Dr. Devi Shetty

Bengaluru, June 27 (KMS& SSV)- Names of several Lok Sabha members from Karnataka, including that of B.Y. Raghavendra, MP from Shivamogga and son of Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, are making rounds for their possible induction into the Union Council of Ministers in the Cabinet reshuffle planned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the next week.

According to sources, PM Modi is planning the Cabinet reshuffle to fill up the vacancies following the death of a few Ministers in the last few months. Others who are in the race are Udupi-Chikmagalur MP Shobha Karandlaje and Kalaburagi MP Dr. Umesh Jadhav. It may not be surprising if noted cardiologist Dr. Devi Shetty finds the berth in the Union Cabinet. In all probability, two persons from Karnataka may find the berth in the Union Council of Ministers. It was learnt that incumbent Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers D.V. Sadananda Gowda may be given a plum post in Karnataka BJP Unit as run up for 2023 Assembly polls. In his place, Shobha Karandlaje may secure the berth.

Raghavendra may fill up the vacancy arisen out due to sudden demise of Belagavi MP and Union Minister of State for Railways, Suresh Angadi.

Currently, two MPs, Sadananda Gowda and Union Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Prahlad Joshi are representing Karnataka in the Union Cabinet.

Already, BJP National leaders are learnt to have held discussion with the State MPs and Yediyurappa in Bengaluru regarding the possible Cabinet reshuffle next week.

Overcome vaccine hesitancy: PM

New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi today urged the nation to overcome vaccine hesitancy, appealing to the countrymen to not fall prey to rumours about the COVID vaccination.

Addressing the 78th edition of his monthly radio broadcast — Mann Ki Baat — Modi said, "We must ensure that people, especially those living in remotest parts of the country, to overcome COVID vaccine hesitancy."

He urged all citizens to not fall prey to rumours about the COVID vaccination but take the jab as soon as possible. "Today, more than 31 crore vaccine doses have been administered. Even I have got both the doses," Modi said. "I have taken both doses. My Mother is almost hundred years old, she has taken both vaccines too. Please do not believe any negative rumours relating to vaccines," he said.

Those who are spreading rumours on vaccines, let them be, Modi said. "We all will do our work and ensure people around us get vaccinated," the PM said. "The threat of COVID-19 remains and we have to focus on vaccination as well as follow COVID-19 protocols," Modi said.

"I urge you all — trust science. Trust our scientists. So many people have taken the vaccine. Let us never believe in negative things relating to the vaccine," the PM said. "Today, we are giving 'Made In India' vaccine shots free of cost to lakhs of people in a day. This is the strength of New India," Modi said.

KSRTC buses to hit roads from tomorrow

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A total, 1,965 employees work in Mysuru Division out of which 100 employees, who are suffering from several ailments, have not been vaccinated as per medical advice. Those employees have been given exemption from duty. Though bus service was suspended on Apr. 28, buses were regularly maintained by the mechanics to keep them in the good condition. The drivers and conductors, who have received both the vaccine doses, will get first priority. A majority of them have taken the first dose and are waiting for their turn to receive the second dose.

After each trip, every bus will be sanitised in both city and rural depots. However, there will be no inter-State bus services till further orders. The KSRTC authorities are keeping their fingers crossed on the response of public to re-introduction of city and inter-district bus services.

Cash for tickets

The authorities of BMTC (Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation), during initial days of resumption of city service a few days ago, had asked conductors to receive the ticket money through QR code instead of cash. But, as far as Mysuru Division is concerned, passengers can make cash payment to buy ticket.

A worker cleaning the floor of City Bus Stand this morning.

Initially, we will operate 100 buses from the city depot. Those who have received two doses are reporting for duty. For time being, there will be no rural service. Buses will be operated from 6 am to 8 pm on main roads.

—S.P. Nagaraj, Divisional Controller, Mysuru City Division

We are not starting buses from Mysuru to Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Decision on starting inter-State buses will be decided after studying the situation. Passengers are already booking tickets to Mangaluru, Udupi, Gokarna, Moodabidri and other long distance night services. Additional buses will be introduced depending upon demand.

—Hemanth Kumar, Divisional Traffic Officer, Mysuru Rural Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is negotiating to purchase the schedule mentioned property more fully described in the below schedule from its owner - **Smt. Sunandamma and others, bearing No. 1201/A New No. M-144/1A,** Situated at B.N. Street (between Irwin Road and Kabir Road), Mandi Mohalla, Mysuru.

If any person has got any claim of right, title interest over the schedule mentioned property or dispute over the same, they are hereby requested/called upon to lodge their whatsoever claim with documentary proof to the undersigned Advocate within **7 (Seven)** days, otherwise, my client will proceed to finalize the sale transaction and any claim made thereafter, will not affect the right of my client in any manner.

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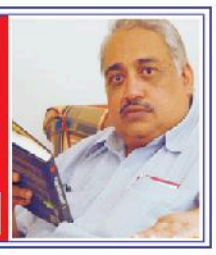

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital: Where there was a Will !

On Friday I read with much interest and happiness the interview that *SOM* had published with **Dr. H. M. Virupaksha**, the about-to-retire Medical Superintendent of the **PKTB Hospital** in our city, who was once a student there! My happiness came from knowing that this hospital with its own very interesting history of how and why it came into existence and which is celebrating its centenary this year, has seen much development and progress over the recent years. In an era when everything Government-made comes in for much criticism and adverse comments, it is always very heartening to hear of Government institutions that can proudly talk of their good performance, very often with limited resources.

Last week there was another write-up in *SOM* about the expansion and complete makeover of the **SMT Hospital (Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital)** in our city which has now been converted into an exclusive maternity hospital where COVID-positive pregnant ladies can go for safe deliveries and post-natal care, under adequately qualified and competent doctors. This hospital which had been greatly expanded very recently was lying idle for some very unclear reason until Abhiram G. Sankar, the then Deputy Commissioner, who was very much aware of the need of a low-cost COVID Care Hospital in our city to cater to the needs of poor patients, urged the Government agencies to convert it into one.

The MUDA, under the leadership of its Chairman, H.V. Rajeev and its Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh got the cart moving. With the Cauvery Heart and Multi-Speciality Hospital stepping in with the much-needed technical and logistic assistance, this COVID Mitra Hospital with fifty beds saw the light of the day and continued to serve the poor till it was wound up recently following a fall in COVID cases.

I must mention here that Abhiram Sankar, whom I have known closely as an officer and a gentleman, had a very unusual kind of humility and willingness to accept, study and act upon every suggestion big or small, coming from everyone big or small! It was this rare combination that came to his help in effectively and commendably controlling the first wave of COVID in our district when it was still a very unknown enemy.

Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital

The establishment of an exclusive COVID Care Maternity Hospital in Mysuru was very essential because in the scenario of utter chaos created by the COVID pandemic, pregnant ladies who were COVID positive used to run the grave peril of not being able to get admitted to other maternity hospitals because of the risk of them transmitting their infection to the other patients there. Because of this difficulty, ever since the pandemic began, many ladies, especially from our rural areas, preferred to deliver at home under some very difficult circumstances that threatened to increase both maternal and neo-natal morbidity and mortality. Although some exclusive arrangements had been made to handle COVID positive patients at the Cheluvamba Hospital, they were simply not adequate to handle the influx.

I call this giant and imposing edifice and much sought-after destination of our poor, the 'baby factory' of our city because with its nearly 450 beds, this establishment conducts about 30 to 35 normal deliveries and about 15 to 20 caesarian sections each day! The few other much smaller Government Maternity Hospitals like the **Lakshmidevamma Shankarashetty Hospital** in Jayalakshmipuram, because of their very poor infrastructure, could do very little to help COVID-positive pregnant ladies.

So, when I learnt about the resurrection of the SMT Hospital, knowing that he was very much involved in its upgradation and functioning, I decided to have a talk with my friend Dr. H. G. Manjunath, the present Professor and Head of the Department of Anaesthesiology at the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute, which was once my Alma Mater too! He told me that thankfully, all the people who were responsible for controlling the pandemic quickly understood that there was a need to have a self-sufficient COVID Maternity Hospital to avoid the perils and hassles of shifting helpless, poor patients in labour to well-equipped hospitals from the many ill-equipped peripheral ones.

Our District in-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar and our MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev swung into action and in just two days got the ball rolling. They rounded up a team of doctors comprising Dr. H.G. Manjunath, Dr. Sudha Rangappa, the Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital, Dr. Sudha, the Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Cheluvamba Hospital, Dr. Rajendra, the RMO there, Dr. Nayaz Pasha, the RMO of the Government COVID Care Hospital, Dr. Chandrakala and Dr. Somashekar of the Health and Family Welfare Department, and our MUDA Commissioner, Dr. Natesh and a team of about ten engineers from MUDA.

With funds from the MUDA itself and the help of some philanthropic members of the public who came out with handsome contributions, an expanded hospital that was just an empty building, which had not seen an inauguration for many months, was transformed into a full-fledged and fully-equipped and fully-functional COVID Maternity Hospital in just three days! Now this hospital has fifty oxygenated beds, five ICUs with ventilators, five neo-natal ICUs, three labour rooms and one fully-equipped, modular operation theatre with the best life support equipment.

Plans are already afoot to augment it to include fifty COVID-care beds for children which seems to be a pressing need now. This achievement indeed qualifies to be called magic because we seldom see Government machinery performing so well. **To me, this story of how a small and almost unknown Government Hospital metamorphosed into an exclusive and fully-equipped COVID Maternity Hospital came across as a very noteworthy case that proves the truth in the age-old proverb 'Where there is a will, there is a way!'**

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Sajan Prakash creates history

Becomes first-ever Indian swimmer to make Olympic 'A' cut

Rome, June 27- Sajan Prakash on Saturday became the first-ever Indian swimmer to qualify for the Olympic Games by breaching the 'A' standard time, clocking 1:56:38 seconds in the men's 200m butterfly event at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome, Italy.

The Games 'A' standard was set at 1:56.48 seconds and the 27-year-old Prakash completed the run 0.10 seconds faster at the FINA-accredited Olympic qualifier. "Historic moment in Indian Swimming !!! Sajan Prakash breaks the glass ceiling clocks 1:56.38 an Olympic qualification time. CONGRATULATIONS," tweeted Swimming Federation of India.

Prakash also rewrote his own national record of 1:56.96s that he had set last week at the Belgrade Trophy swimming competition. This will be Prakash's second successive Olympics, having represented India in the 2016 Rio Games.

He will take part in the Tokyo Games alongside Maana Patel, who has been nominated by the Swimming Federation of India for the Universality places.

Prakash's direct qualification means Srihari Nataraj, who missed the 'A' the 100m men's backstroke by 0.05s in Rome on Friday, will not be competing in the Tokyo Games despite being nominated for the Universality places.

Japan plans stricter COVID-19 measures for some athletes

Tokyo, June 27 (UNI)- The organisers of the Olympic Games in Japan plan to introduce stricter entry restrictions for athletes from certain countries starting next month, because of the spread of the Delta Coronavirus variant, a Japanese newspaper reported today.

The new restrictions will apply to those arriving from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Maldives. Athletes from these countries, as well as those accompanying them, will have to take Coronavirus tests daily for a week prior to arrival in Japan, as well as for three days after their arrival.

Earlier this month, the World Health Organisation (WHO) included the Delta variant in its list of Coronavirus variants of concern as the strain had become prevalent and has caused a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in some countries.

Auditor couple, CA accused of cheating Rs. 3.14 crore

City industrialist files complaint at Vijayanagar Police Station

Mysuru, June 27 (BCT)- An industrialist from city has lodged a Police complaint against an auditor couple and a Charted Accountant (CA) for allegedly cheating him of Rs. 3.14 crore and also submitting fake and fabricated audit report to the Government for which he has landed in trouble now.

The complaint has been filed at Vijayanagar Police Station by S. Sharatchandra, the owner of 'Playwood Industries' where he has stated that auditors K.B. Murthy and his wife Rashmi Murthy had siphoned off the money that was actually given by him to pay the Commercial Taxes Department.

He has accused the couple of not paying the Commercial Tax and also submitting a fake and fabricated audit report to the Government after getting it certified by CA N. Sundar Rajan.

In his complaint, Sharatchandra has stated that he ran wood business through 'Playwood Industries' and also owned Nanjundeshwara Timber along with his wife K.R. Anitha, who is a silent partner in both the industries. The auditing of the industry accounts from 2015-16 to 2019-2020 was handled by K.B. Murthy and his wife Rashmi Murthy and the same was certified by Sundar Rajan.

He stated that a total of Rs. 1,61,32,147 was handed over to Murthy and Rashmi Murthy on a monthly basis to pay Commercial Tax and also GST. The money has allegedly not been remitted to the Department and subsequently, on Jan. 22, 2021, the Commercial Tax Commissioner issued a notice to him after scrutinising the accounts of both the firms. Only then Sharatchandra realised that the taxes and GST were not paid, he said in the complaint.

Due to the alleged default on the part of Murthy and Rashmi Murthy made in connivance with CA Sundar Rajan, he now has to pay the Government Rs. 3,14,13,857 including the Rs. 1,61,32,147 that was already handed over to the auditors and Rs. 1,52,81,710 that has been imposed as GST fine and accumulated interest, Sharatchandra has stated in the complaint.

He has urged the Vijayanagar Police to take action against the auditor couple and also against the CA for the alleged fraud.

A case has been registered by Vijayanagar Police and investigations are on.

Violations: 794 vehicles seized in three days

Mysuru, June 27 (KS)- Mysuru City Police have seized a total of 794 vehicles in three days for not adhering to lockdown guidelines in city. On June 24, a total of 302 vehicles including 275 two-wheelers, 20 cars and 7 auto-rickshaws were seized. On June 25, a total of 313 vehicles including 284 two-wheelers, 22 cars and 7 auto-rickshaws were seized and on June 26, 179 vehicles including 157 two-wheelers, 13 cars and 9 auto-rickshaws were seized for violating the lockdown rules.

UK Health Secretary quits for flouting COVID norms

London, June 27 (UNI)- British Health Secretary Matt Hancock on Saturday tendered resignation after admitting that he broke COVID social distancing guidelines during an alleged affair with his colleague.

Matt Hancock

"We owe it to people who have sacrificed so much in this pandemic to be honest when we have let them down as I have done by breaching the guidance," Hancock said in his resignation letter to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

A newspaper had published pictures of Hancock and his aide Gina Coladangelo kissing at the British Department of Health's London HQ during office hours in May. The incident reportedly caused an outrage in the country.

Hancock also posted a video on his Twitter account, in which he said that "those of us who make these rules have got to stick by them, and that's why I have got to resign."

City Police destroy seized drugs worth Rs. 22.48 lakh

Mysuru, June 27 (KS)- As part of International Day Against Drug Abuse, the Mysuru City Police Drug Disposal Committee destroyed 121 kg of ganja and other narcotic substances worth Rs. 22.48 lakh Saturday.

The seized drugs and other narcotic substances were destroyed at GIPS Bio-tech, the Incinerator Plant at Gujjegowdanapura at Jayapura hobli in the district.

The City Police, in 62 cases had seized a total of 121-kg-and-704-gram of ganja and 15-kg-and-870-gram of Khat, all worth Rs. 22,48,960, which were destroyed in the presence of DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna, who is also the Chairperson of the Drug Disposal Committee, Committee Members, City Crime Branch ACP Ashwathnarayan, CCRB Inspector Mohammed Irshad and other Police officials and staff.

The Police have urged the public to call toll-free 1908, Control Room on 112, 100 and 0821-2418339, if they have any information regarding storage, supply and consumption of drugs, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office.

Over 1.50 crore COVID vaccine doses still available with States: Health Ministry

New Delhi, June 27 (UNI)- More than 1.50 crore (1,50,28,186) balance and unutilised Covid-19 vaccine doses are still available with the States and Union Territories, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Friday.

A total of 47,00,000 more will be received by them within the next three days, it added.

So far, the Centre has provided 30.54 crore (30,54,32,450) doses to the States. Of this, the total consumption, including wastages stands at 29,04,04,264 doses, as per data available.

Till now, a total of 30,79,48,744 people have been administered COVID-19 vaccines since January 16, of which 60,73,912 were inoculated in the past 24 hours.

Obituary

R. Nageshwaraih

Mysuru, June 27- R. Nageshwaraih (83), well-known merchant of Santhepet (BKR Sons), dealers - Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., passed away this morning at his residence in Kuvempunagar.

He leaves behind his wife Jalajakshi, son Rtn. Lokeshwariah, two daughters and grandchildren. Last rites will be held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram today.

B.L. Siddaiah

B.L. Siddaiah (84), retired Executive Engineer of Irrigation Department and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away this morning in city following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and son-in-law.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Lalithadripura this afternoon.

Rajanna

Rajanna (83), ex-driver of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's vehicle and a resident of Gowrishankaranagar, passed away in city. He leaves behind son Mahadevaswamy and two daughters. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Lalithadripura yesterday.

Mohammed Aslam

Mohammed Aslam (57), son of late Abdul Shukoor and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind two brothers and two sisters.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds in city yesterday.

B.T. Srinivas

Srirangapatna: B.T. Srinivas (69), former Mandya Zilla Panchayat Member and a resident of Belagola in the taluk, passed away yesterday morning following a heart attack.

He had also served as the President of TAPCMS, Director of DCC Bank and President of the Zilla Panchayat's Standing Committee on Agriculture and Industry.

He leaves behind his wife and two sons. Last rites were performed at his native place yesterday afternoon.

Mahadevappa

Hunsur: Mahadevappa (92), retired Controller at KSRTC and a theatre artiste, passed away at Bharatavadi village on Friday.

He leaves behind one daughter and two sons. Last rites were performed at his native place.

WORD OF THE DAY

Calumny

Pronunciation: KAL-um-nee.
Meaning: An act of uttering false charges or misrepresentations maliciously calculated to harm another's reputation.
Origin: Calumny made an appearance in these famous words from William Shakespeare's Hamlet: "If thou dost marry, I'll give thee this plague for thy dowry: be thou chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny. Get thee to a nunnery, go." The word had been in the English language for a while, though, before Hamlet uttered it. It first entered English in the 15th century and comes from the Middle French word calomnie of the same meaning. Calomnie, in turn, derives from the Latin word calumnia, (meaning "false accusation," "false claim," or "trickery"), which itself traces to Latin verb calvi, meaning "to deceive."
Example: "[Heinrich von Kleist] sets his novella in the 14th century, when duelling was seen as a trial by battle in which the 'Judgment of God' would prevail. A murder, a wronged noblewoman, shame, calumny, castles, a melodramatic ending, Kleist's story pulls together all the key elements of the genre." — Dan Glaister, The Guardian (London), 12 May 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Cacolet

Military mule litter.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Call a spade a spade

Meaning: To call a spade a spade is to speak plainly - to describe something as it really is.
Origin: It might be thought that this derives from the derogatory use of the slang term 'spade', meaning Negro, an American term originating in the 20th century. That view of it as derogatory might also be thought to be supported by this piece from John Trapp's Mellificium theologicum, or the marrow of many good authors, 1647: "Gods people shall not spare to call a spade a spade, a niggard a niggard." Trapp's use of 'niggard' is difficult to interpret. The word had several meanings in the 17th century. It could be used to mean 'miser', which is the more common usage today, or as a general term of abuse - 'lout', 'barbarian' etc. The word was also used as name of firebricks in grates.
An earlier expression of the notion, albeit in different form to that which we now use, comes from Nicolas Udall's Apophthegmes of Erasmus - translated in 1542: "Philippus aunswered, that the Macedonians wer feloes of no fyne witte in their termes but altogether grosse, clubbyshe, and rusticall, as they whiche had not the witte to calle a spade by any other name then a spade." This refers back to Plutarch's Apophthegmata. The eccentric right-wing British Tory politician Sir Gerald Nabarro was fond of emphasizing his direct 'man of the people' image by saying 'I call a spade a shovel'.

QUOTE BOX

I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious. **—Albert Einstein**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

PARKED
PARKED

Answer: Double parked.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 In addition
5 Place
8 Vaulter's aid
12 Our capital (3,5)
13 Fusses
14 Frog-like creature
15 Most delicious
17 Not up (2,3)
19 Curb, check
20 Long story
22 Happen again
26 Our (French)
29 Filth
30 Nintendo's gaming console
31 Unpleasant
33 In the past
34 Clay water jar
36 American lake
38 ___ in: Typed
40 Starchy root
41 Small branches
43 Early mornings
47 Inflexible quality
51 Plant part
52 Largest continent
53 Emotional musical piece
54 Young female
55 Comics cry
56 Besides, in addition

DOWN
1 Against
2 ___ Uris : author of Exodus?
3 Large mop
4 Most peculiar or rummy
5 Wield
6 Star Trek lieutenant
7 The sands of ___ : they keep trickling by...?
8 Hurt
9 Lyric poem
10 "L" in L.A. the famous city ?
11 Superlative suffix
16 Russian space station
18 Mend with wool
21 Equipment, apparatus, tackle, etc.?
23 Goodbye - slang usage
24 Incite
25 Railway Transport Officer
26 Egyptian river
27 Greasy
28 Indian wheaten flour
30 Chinese frying pan
32 One of 1760 in a mile?
35 Antenna
37 Of voice, sounding rough
39 Man about house, should we say?
40 Church levy
42 Deep mud
44 Fleece
45 Inclines head
46 Inflammation which can impair vision
47 Red ___ : show it to a bull to enrage him?
48 Pakistan's intelligence agency
49 Animal sanctuary in Gujarat
50 Tibetan animal

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	R	I	C	■	S	E	N	T	■	P	A	S
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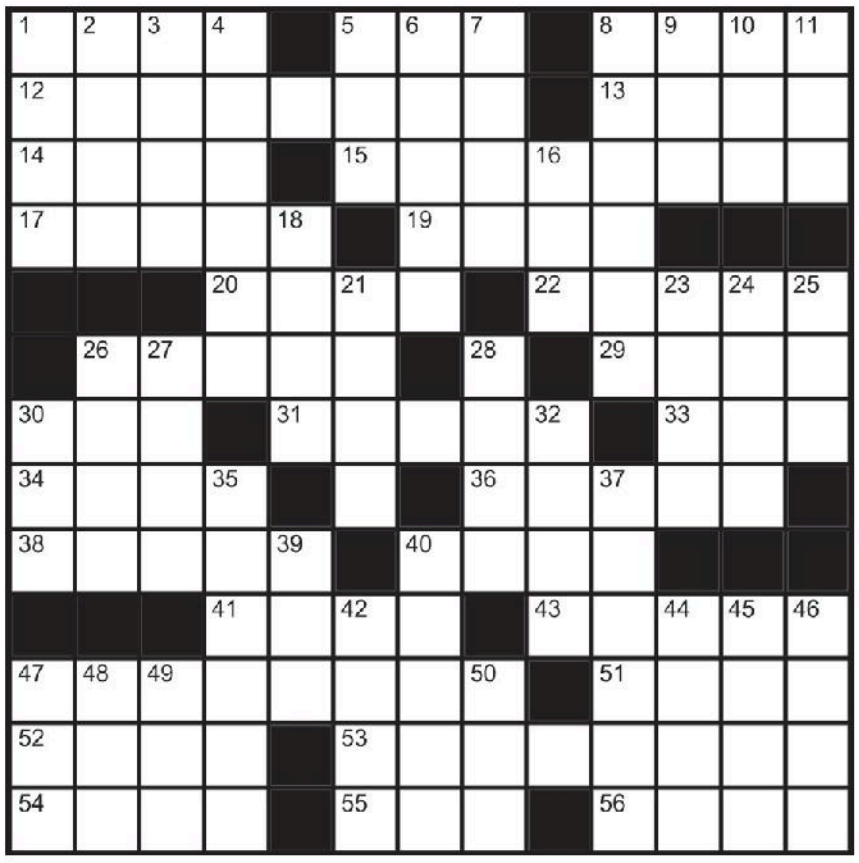

SUDOKU

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8			7		5			
	4						3	1
	1				9			
6		9				5		8
			8				7	
2	5						1	
			5		1			7
	8		4	2				

Answer to previous puzzle

9	8	4	5	7	3	2	1	6
1	2	7	4	8	6	9	3	5
3	5	6	1	2	9	4	7	8
5	6	3	9	1	2	7	8	4
4	7	1	8	6	5	3	2	9
8	9	2	3	4	7	5	6	1
2	3	9	6	5	1	8	4	7
7	1	8	2	9	4	6	5	3
6	4	5	7	3	8	1	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GAD UZI GCJGA NU GAZG DKYDRRDHYD

PZMDU QDLQRD HDCSLJU.

TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Success is a journey, not a destination.
The doing is often more important than the outcome.

Corporator extends helping hand

Mysuru, June 27- In a bid to help those undergoing difficulties during the current pandemic, MCC Ward No. 9 Corporator Samiulla Khan and his brothers came to the help of the residents by organising health check-up for more than 500 widows, providing free medicines besides distributing grocery kits to the poor.

The Corporator and his brothers have been distributing free food to about 700 patients at K.R. Hospital since 35 days and have provided grocery kits to more than 300 auto drivers and tongawallas. Fodder for horses was also provided.

"As lockdown has been extended till July 5, we will continue our social service to help the poor and the needy till the city is unlocked," said Samiulla.

Former Mayor Dhruvakumar
distributes food kits to theatre employees

Mysuru, June 27- On behalf of Challenging Star Tugudeepa Darshan Abhimani Balaga, former Mayor Dhruvakumar distributed food kits to the employees of Rajkamal Theatre recently.

Speaking on the occasion, he complimented the Balaga for also helping the employees of Lakshmi, Gayatri and Padma Theatres. The upcoming actors must help people in distress, he added.

Rajkamal Theatre Proprietor Jeevan, MUDA Member Naveen Kumar, Social worker Paramesh Gowda, Tugudeega Darshan Abhimani Balaga's Mahendra Singh Kalappa, Harish Naidu, Kiran Gowda and others were present on the occasion.

Grocery kits to over 100 needy people were distributed by St. Bartholomew's Church at its premises, next to Sub-Urban Bus Stand yesterday. The kits were distributed by Pastor Daniel Kaundinya and Corporator Satish, in the presence of Pastorate Committee members and others.

Samarpana Education and Endowment Charitable Trust, Mysuru, distributed food kits to Chittadhama Institution, a home for the mentally challenged, at Bochikatte village in H.D. Kote taluk of Mysuru district recently. Dr. Bhimaraj Hiregoudar, Assistant Professor, Department of Kannada, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, lecturer and Treasurer of Samarpana Trust, M.S. Balasubramanya, Honorary Secretary, Manjula, in-charge of Chittadhama Institution, Diwakar, Village Accountant and others were present.

Appu Youth Brigade distributed food to the shelterless, who are facing problems due to the pandemic and COVID-induced lockdown in city. Youth Brigade's District President Ravi, Hon. President Raju, Rajashekar, Kantharaj, Ravi, Suresh, Manjanna, Anil Bangarappa and others were present.

Grocery bags given away to tonga riders

Mysuru, June 27 (RKB&SSV)- Members of Communist Party of India (Marxist), District Unit, distributed food kits to tonga riders who are hit by lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic. At a function held near office of the Deputy Commissioner here recently, K. Basavaraj, District Secretary, gave away food kits to 101 tonga riders of Agrahara, Nazarbad, Kukkarahalli and Old RMC.

District Committee Members, L. Jagannath, N. Vijaykumar, Jayaram, Jagadish Surya and N. Diwakar, Trade Union Leaders Basavaiah, Mehboob Pasha, S.B. Balaram, Somashekar, C.R. Krishnamurthy, Umapathi, T.N. Raju and others were present.

Datta Sene provides food kits to Brahmin families

Mysuru, June 27- On the occasion of the 79th birthday celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, the members of 'Datta Sene' distributed food kits to over hundred Brahmin families at Krishnamurthypuram recently.

Distributing the kit, R.S. Satyanarayana, President of the Sene, said the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic has spread across the district and hit people badly. In this situation, they deemed it as duty to help those who are in distress. Last year, they had distributed over 300 food kits on behalf of Bettadapura Sankethi Sangha. They will continue to help till the situation become normal.

Venkatesh, Gangadhar and Srinidhi were present.

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